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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL ON JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER

1. I PAID A FAREWELL CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER APRIL
13. IT WAS A RELAXED AND FRIENDLY MEETING DURING WHICH
MANLEY EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT THE COURSE OF EVENTS
HAD MADE MY TOUR A DIFFICULT ONE. HE WANTED ME TO KNOW
THAT THERE WAS NOTHING PERSONAL IN THE ATTACKS BY THE
"YOUNG TURKS" AND THAT HE HAD OFTEN BEEN CONCERNED BECAUSE
HE HAD ALWAYS FELT OUR OWN RELATIONSHIPS HAD BEEN CLOSE
AND MORE THAN SATISFACTORY. HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR MY EFFORTS
TO KEEP THINGS "COOL" AND MADE KIND REMARKS ABOUT MY
"PROFESSIONALISM" AND THE MANNER IN WHICH I HAD CONDUCTED
MYSELF.

2. AFTER REVIEWING THE US-JAMAICAN RELATIONSHIP, MANLEY
SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WERE VARIOUS PERIODS IN HISTORY
WHEN BASIC RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES HAD TO UNDERGO
A PERIOD OF STRAIN AND SOMETIMES EVEN BE "CRACKED"
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SO THAT THEY COULD BE RESUMED ON A MORE REALISTIC
BASIS. HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT SHARE THE VIEW OF
THE "YOUNG TURKS" THAT CAPITALISM WAS INTRINSICALLY
EVIL.

3. WE REVIEWED THE BAUXITE PICTURE AND MANLEY EXPRESSED
SATISFACTION WITH THE CONCLUDED AGREEMENTS AND THE FACT

THAT THEY HAD BEEN FULLY ACCEPTED POLITICALLY BY EVEN THE LEFTISTS IN HIS PARTY ("YOUNG TURKS").

4. I TOLD MANLEY THAT THE REVERE CASE REPRESENTED THE ONE AREA WHICH HAD NOT BEEN SATISFACTORILY CONCLUDED AND THAT, WHILE I WAS NOT SURE WHAT COULD BE DONE, IT REPRESENTED A CONTINUING SOURCE OF POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING AND FRICTION. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD ASK MEYER MATALON TO LOOK INTO THE CURRENT POSITION TO SEE WHETHER SOME SPECIAL EFFORT MIGHT NOT BE MADE TO RESOLVE IT.

5. WE DISCUSSED JAMAICA'S NEED FOR EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IN A GENERAL WAY, AND I CAUTIONED HIM AGAINST UNDUE EXPECTATIONS OF THE US BUT SAID THAT WE WERE SYMPATHETIC TO JAMAICA'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND HOPED TO BE ABLE TO BE HELPFUL PROVIDED PROPER PLANNING TOOK PLACE. MANLEY SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE PLANNING AREA WAS A MAJOR WEAKNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED. HE REFERRED TO THE CANADIAN LOAN (100 MILLION DOLLARS) AND SAID THAT HE HAD USED HIS EXPERTISE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FRIENDSHIP WITH TRUDEAU TO CONCLUDE IT BUT THAT THE BUREAUCRACY HAD BEEN COMPLETELY INCAPABLE OF COMING UP WITH SOUND PROJECTS. I URGED THE CREATION OF A PROPER PLANNING AGENCY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND HE AGREED THAT THIS WAS A PRIORITY REQUIREMENT.

6. COMMENT: MANLEY WAS EVEN MORE THAN USUALLY CHARMING
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AND OPEN AND WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO MAKE AMENDS FOR THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE PAST. HE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF THE STRAIN HE CONTINUES TO BE UNDER AS THE RESULT OF THE UNRESOLVED CONFLICT BETWEEN THE MODERATES AND RADICALS WITHIN HIS PEOPLES NATIONAL PARTY -- TO SAY NOTHING OF JAMAICA'S ECONOMIC CRISIS. I BELIEVE HE IS SITTING BACK TO SEE HOW IT ALL COMES OUT. NEITHER SIDE CAN PROBABLY DO WITHOUT HIM.
GERARD

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